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Education

B.A. (prospective)

Philosophy, with minor in Gender, Women's and Sexuality Studies. (2024)
Capstone: "Beyond Plunderphonics: A prolegomena to any future revolutionary music."
(advised by Dr. Rick Elmore)
Appalachian State University (Boone, NC)

Service, awards, and miscellaneous

Conference presentations

- "Response to Abigail Cuttle - 'Transforming Our Perception of Deformity: Gloria E. Anzaldúa and Zhuangzi on Wholeness, Usefulness, and Value.'" *2023 Kennesaw State University/Appalachian State University Philosophy Symposium*, Kennesaw State University, November 11th, 2023.
- "Whatever's Left of Woman: Porn, Trans Identity, and Gender Expansivity." *23rd Annual Southern Appalachian Undergraduate Philosophy Conference*, University of North Carolina at Asheville, February 11th, 2023. First place prize winner.

Academic memberships

2021 — present: Co-president, Appalachian State Philosophical Society

Faculty advisor: Dr. Rick Elmore

Foreign language competencies

- Spanish (reading)

Professional experience

2018 — present: Student IT Technician, [Appalachian State Technology Support Services](#)

- Repairing computers: virus removal, data backup, hardware diagnostics, ticket management via Atlassian Jira.
- Customer service: explaining repair steps taken to customers upon them picking up their computers in an understandable way.

Non-academic service

Contributor, [Nixpkgs](#) (2022-present)

Developer, [Exherbo Linux](#) (2014-2017)

- Added support to system package management structure for new platforms such as [musl libc](#), and ARMv7.
- Gained experience doing technical writing, both for [developer audiences](#) and [for more general audiences](#).